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MEMORANDUM FOR: Ad Hoc Committee on Manpower

SUBJECT : Effect of a Manpower Reduction and Adequacy of Current Manpower Authorization in Light of Requirements

1. This is in response to request to Heads of Executive Departments from Chairman of the House Committee on Post Office and Civil Service relating to the conservation of manpower and a 10% reduction in number of civilian employees of Departments.

2. The following is the pertinent data relative to the Office of Communications ceiling, and on duty strength of staff employees.

Regular Activities -

Ceiling On Duty 30 Oct 1955

- (a) Headquarters [REDACTED]
(including the executive and technical staffs)
- (b) Headquarters Signal Center
- (c) Overseas Activities

Special Activities - including
ELINT, COMINT, [REDACTED]

Total for Office of Communications

3. The Office of Communications is a supporting activity and is not in position to make a final evaluation of the end products developed from the services it renders. Therefore the determination of which functions should be curtailed or eliminated would have to be arrived at by the operational components of the Agency. The functions performed by the Office of Communications that are separate entities are shown on attachment "A." Also shown are the possible savings from elimination of the functions, and estimates of the largest savings considered possible and still permit gainful, though reduced operation of the functions.

4. The Office of Communications is not knowingly and directly duplicating functions of any other Agency components. It is performing the same functions, ELINT and COMINT, as other Government organizations.

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